

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Furnas County) Application No. 911-023.20
Public Safety Answering Point,)
Beaver City, seeking funding) ORDER APPROVING FUNDING
approval for recurring and non-) REQUEST IN PART
recurring costs of Enhanced)
Wireless 911 implementation.) Entered: May 23, 2007

BY THE COMMISSION:

By written request for funding dated February 14, 2007, Furnas County, Beaver City, sought funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund for expenses for implementing and providing enhanced wireless 911 service.

In its application, Furnas County sought non-recurring costs in the amount of **\$113,973.00.** for the purchase and installation of equipment necessary to implement enhanced wireless 911 service.

Furnas County provided supporting documentation for the equipment and associated expenses from its vendor. The Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board considered Furnas County's request at its March 23, 2007 meeting and recommended that the Commission approve payment in full. After the correction of mathematical errors in the vendor's quote, the actual amount sought was **\$112,592.00.**

The costs of several items listed in the supporting documentation exceed the prices contained in the vendor's response to the Commission's Request for Proposal (RFP). All costs contained within the request for funding and supporting documentation are set forth in the confidential attachment Appendix A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. Amounts above the RFP pricing or otherwise not eligible for reimbursement are identified listed separately in Appendix A and total **\$8,523.60.**

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

This request for additional funding is being processed pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 86-442 to 86-470. (Cum. Supp. 2006), 291 Neb. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Section 5, Progression Order No. 5 in Commission Docket No. 911-001, entered July 16, 2002 and the Interim Policy established in Progression Order No. 1 in Commission Docket No. 911-017/PI-116, entered February 13, 2007 (Interim Policy).

Based upon the request for funding, supporting documentation, and in consideration of the recommendation of the Advisory Board, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that costs requested, subject to the limitations set forth below, are eligible under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465 as all costs have been incurred or will be incurred for the purchase, installation, maintenance or operation of telecommunications equipment and telecommunications services required for the provision of enhanced wireless 911 service.

This funding request was received prior to February 16, 2007. Pursuant to the Interim Policy, the Commission therefore considers this funding request for full reimbursement without being subject to the wireless/landline allocation factor established in the Commission's February 17, 2007 order.

The Commission further finds that the funding request shall be granted only to the extent the pricing complies with the Vendor's response to the RFP.

Therefore, the request for funding should be granted in part in the amount of **\$104,068.40** in non recurring costs subject to the limitations set forth herein. Said amounts are consistent with the pricing set forth in the vendor's response to the RFP. This amount does not include costs associated any amounts requested in excess of the prices offered in response to the RFP or any amount not otherwise eligible for reimbursement as outlined in Appendix A.

The Fund shall therefore pay to Furnas County the amount of **104,068.40** consistent with the terms of this order, the terms of its contract, and the amounts set forth in Appendix A. Furnas County may request that these amounts be paid directly to the vendor.

Should Furnas County wish to be heard by the Commission regarding those portions of the funding request related to the amounts in excess of the prices offered in the response to the RFP or otherwise not eligible for reimbursement it shall notify the Commission in writing **within fifteen (15) days** of this order and the matter will be set for hearing.

The Commission reserves the right to modify any recurring costs associated with this funding request consistent with amendments to the Interim Policy or the establishment of a permanent funding mechanism.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund shall pay to Furnas County the amount of **\$104,068.40** consistent with the terms of this order, the terms of Furnas County's contract and the amounts set forth in Appendix A for the equipment necessary to provide enhanced wireless 911 service.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED should Furnas County wish to be heard by the Commission regarding those portions of the funding request related to the amounts in excess of the prices offered in the response to the RFP, or otherwise not eligible for reimbursement, it shall notify the Commission in writing **within fifteen (15) days** of this order and the matter will be set for hearing.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 23rd day of May, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director